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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dace et al.

Group Art Unit: 1639

**Serial No.: 09/879,279**

Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.

Filed: June 12, 2001

Docket No.: 1392/18/2

Confirmation No.: 3524

For: IN VITRO CAPTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA MODIFIED  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND MAGNETIC BEADS

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AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004, for which a shortened statutory period for reply is expired on October 13, 2004. A Petition for a 1-month Extension of Time is filed herewith extending the time for response up to and including November 13, 2004, which falls on a weekend and therefore automatically extends to November 15, 2004. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.